



Tasmania Together 2020

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TASMANIAN EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION AND TASMANIA TOGETHER JOIN FORCES

Measuring the State's progress in caring for our children is the focus of a new partnership agreement between the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation and the Tasmania *Together* Progress Board.

The new agreement was signed today by the Chair of the Progress Board, Mr Bob Campbell, and the Chair of the Foundation, Dr Sue Jenkins at a key speaker forum in Launceston.

Mr Campbell said nothing was more important to the Tasmanian community than looking after our children.

"The community places a great emphasis on giving children the best opportunities in life."

Unfortunately, there is a bit of a gap in our data in Tasmania *Together* when it comes to measuring how young people are going, particularly in the early pre-school years."

"This agreement will help tackle that issue by developing measures around health and well-being, learning, and development issues in the early years."

Dr Jenkins said the Early Years Foundation was looking forward to working closely with the Progress Board to progress important benchmarks in Tasmania *Together*.

"The Foundation is working closely with the community to highlight issues such as access to quality childcare, support for vulnerable children such as those on care and protection orders, and preparing kids for school."

" We are funding a number of initiatives that aim to improve outcomes for young children and their families, But there are many other areas that need our attention and where we need to get better data and become better informed to help support families and tackle the problems."

"This partnership will help us achieve that outcome."

Dr Jenkins said the Foundation was working on developing an Outcomes Based Framework that will assist in targeting resources to ensure every child is given the best possible start in life.



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Mr Campbell said the partnerships program was an integral part of the Progress Board's strategy to increase community engagement with *Tasmania Together*.

"*Tasmania Together* is a community plan and we want to see the community engaged in achieving our 2020 vision and targets."

"We have close to 30 business and community based partners and we want to see more."

"This new agreement with the Early Years Foundation helps fill a gap in our coverage but much more remains to be done."

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